

**RICHMOND POLICE DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDER**

NOTE: This directive is for internal use only, and does not enlarge an employee's civil liability in any way. It should not be construed as the creation of a higher standard of safety or case in an evidentiary sense, with respect to third party claims. Violation of this directive, if proven, can only form the basis of a complaint by this Department, and then only in a non-judicial administrative setting.

Chapter 8	Number 9	Effective Date 07/29/10	Review Date 2013
Subject OVERSIZE/OVERWEIGHT HAULING PERMITS			☐ New Order ☒ Replaces G.O. 8-9 (10/09/06)
References CALEA 61.3.3a VLEPSC OPR.07.09a, OPR.07.09b VA State Code 46.2-1105, 46.2-1109, 46.2-1110, 46.2-1112, 46.2-1115, 46.2-1120, 46.2-1124, 46.2-1122, 46.2-1126, 46.2-1127, 46.2-1139, 46.2-1140 City of Richmond Code 102-401, 102-402 and 102-403 VA Hauling Permits Manual – Part VI			
 _____ Chief of Police or Designee		07/29/10 _____ Date	

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to establish the directive for the enforcement of Oversize Hauling Permits. This Order consists of the responsibilities and procedures for Department members.

II. POLICY

It is the Policy of the Richmond Police Department to ensure that Richmond's Oversize Hauling Permit is used to restrict the movements of oversize vehicles on city streets. This process aids in protecting the safety of the public and in protecting the City's transportation infrastructure. The driver of a vehicle exceeding legal dimensions is required to obtain an Oversize Hauling Permit from the Richmond Transportation Engineering Division only if the destination or origin of the vehicle is within the corporate limits of the City of Richmond. All other requests are to be forwarded to the Virginia State Department of Transportation (Virginia Code 46.2-1139; 46.2-1140).

III. ACCOUNTABILITY STATEMENT

All employees are expected to fully comply with the guidelines and timelines set forth in this general order. Failure to comply will result in appropriate corrective action. Responsibility rests with the Division Commander to ensure that any violations of policy are investigated and appropriate training, counseling and/or disciplinary action is initiated.

IV. PROCEDURE**A. Maximum Legal Dimensions and Weights:**

1. Weight Per Single Axle - 20,000 lbs.

2. Tandem Axle - 34,000 lbs.
 3. Maximum Gross Weight - 80,000 lbs. (5 axles, 51 foot spread) or as stated in VA Code 46.2-1126.
 4. Load Per Inch Width of Tire - 650 lbs.
 5. Overall Height - 13 feet 6 inches
 6. Overall Width - 8 feet 6 inches
 7. Overall Length:
 - a. Single-unit truck/vehicle - 40 feet overall maximum, buses with safety bumpers are allowed a 12-inch tolerance front and rear.
 - b. Tractor/semi-trailer combination - No restrictions on the tractor ***drawing one trailer*** or overall combination length, but a single-unit ***tractor truck*** semi trailer cannot exceed 53 feet in overall length. The trailing units (trailer) cannot exceed 28.5 feet in length overall.
 - c. Mobile and manufactured housing - 65 feet maximum overall length.
- B. Hauling Permits are required when vehicle/load exceeds any of the legal size limitations as defined in this policy and imposed under VA Code Sections 46.2-1105, 46.2-1109, 46.2-1112, 46.2-1115, 46.2-1120, 46.2-1122, 46.2-1126 and 46.2-1127. A complete explanation of the rules and regulations governing the enforcement of Richmond's Oversize Hauling Permit Policy may be found in Richmond City Code sections 102-401, 102-402 and 102-403.

NOTE: The possession of an oversize/overweight hauling permit does not negate the requirement for other essential permits which may be applicable to the movement of any load or material being transported on public highways.

- C. Escorts (excluding funeral escorts):
1. A Commonwealth of Virginia Escort Vehicle Operator Over-Dimensional Load Certificate is mandatory for all drivers, regardless of their residency, who escort over-dimensional loads with a width in excess of 12 feet but not greater than 14 feet over the highways of the Commonwealth of Virginia. This certificate must be shown upon request of the officer.
 2. Escort drivers are not required to be certified if:
 - a. The over dimensional load is 12 feet or less in width.
 - b. The escort driver is a police official of any jurisdiction in Virginia that provides escort services.
 - c. The escorts are for military convoys or for other federal or state governmental vehicles.

3. The Richmond Police Department will not provide escorts unless specifically authorized by the Chief of Police or designee.

D. Restrictions:

1. No movement of oversize vehicles is permitted between the hours of 0700 and 0900 hours or between 1600 and 1800 hours, Monday through Friday. All movements are to be made during daylight hours unless otherwise specified. Any deviation from this will be so noted on the permit.
2. Blanket permits may be issued to a specific vehicle for a full year (non-transferable). It is the driver's responsibility to be aware of all construction and other limitations that may temporarily prohibit the use of a street.
3. No blanket permits will be issued for loads that exceed 10 feet 6 inches in width.
4. Any unlicensed equipment, even though it may be within legal dimensions, is required to have an Oversize Hauling Permit. This includes farm equipment.
5. It is the responsibility of the oversize vehicle permit holder to check all horizontal and vertical clearances to insure that there is space to move the oversize vehicle.

E. Exceptions:

A vehicle exceeding legal dimensions is not required to have an Oversize Hauling Permit issued by the City of Richmond Transportation Engineering Division if:

1. The operator of such vehicle has an Oversize Hauling Permit issued by the Virginia Department of Transportation.
2. The vehicle, while traveling through the City of Richmond, remains on a state or federal highway. (I-64, I-95, I-195, Powhite Parkway and the Downtown Expressway).
3. The operator of such vehicle has an Oversize Hauling Permit issued pursuant to an emergency declaration by the Governor *of Virginia* or *the* President *of the United States*.

A violator may be issued a Virginia Uniform Summons and charged with Failure to Comply with the conditions of the Oversize Hauling Permit.